[Mr. V. J. Oommen.]

(*a*) the members of the Examination Boards for the S. S. L. C. and V. S. L. C. Examinations of 1104 and 1105; and

(*b*) the Chief Examiners and Assistant Examiners appointed for the S. S. L. C. and V. S. L. C. Examinations of 1104 and 1105?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement containing the names of the members of the Board, Chief Examiners and Assistant Examiners for the two years, with information about the communities to which they belong is available for perusal by the member in the Office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council. The Government do not propose to collect further information about the sects to which they belong.

*Area of Reserved Forests.*

137. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total area of Reserved Forests in the State?

**MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): 2,393 sq. miles and 252 acres.

*Income from the sale of teak trees removed from private holdings.*

138. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the quantity of teak trees on private properties felled by the Forest Department during the last five years (1100 to 1104) separately;

(*b*) the gross income from these trees;

(*c*) the net income from the same; and

(*d*) the quantity of such timber remaining unsold at the end of 1104?

**MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*d*) A statement* showing the particulars asked for is laid on the table.

*Sale of Text-Books by the staff of Schools.*

139. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued any order or circular prohibiting the sale, by managers, teachers or clerks of departmental and aided schools, of the various text-books, note-books and other needs of the pupils;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the nature of that order or circular;

(*c*) whether the Government or the Director has ever known that the managers, teachers or clerks in the various departmental or aided schools are conducting such sales;

(*d*) whether the Government or the Director is aware:

(i) that the said managers, teachers or clerks of various schools

* *Vide* Appendix XVI—page 692.

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get undue and illegal gain by selling books, etc., at a dear cost and by compelling the pupils to purchase the articles from them only, while they can be had at cheaper rates elsewhere;

(ii) that certain teachers, managers or clerks are compelling pupils to purchase books, note-books, etc., not absolutely necessary for their study and not prescribed by the authorities;

(iii) that the pupils who do not purchase books, etc., directly from the said teachers, managers or clerks at such high prices are punished with fine or with temporary suspension from the classes; and

(iv) that the teachers, etc., engaged in this trade devote much of their time to it to the detriment of their legitimate duties in the schools;

(*e*) whether any inspecting officer has ever taken notice of this irregularity in public schools;

(*f*) if the Government or the Director has not got any information on this subject, whether they will enquire into the matter; and

(*g*) whether the Director has received any representation orally or in writing, from any member of the Legislative Council on the subject?

**MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR** (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) There have been one or two complaints.

(*d*) (i) No.
(ii) No.
(iii) No.
(iv) No.

(*e*) There is no information.

(*f*) Yes, if specific instances are furnished.

(*g*) No.

*Licenses for the collection of lime shells.*

140. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether licenses are being issued for the collection of lime shells now (31-10-1105);

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative,

(i) the date from which this system has been introduced; and

(ii) the annual revenue realised since this system was introduced;

(*c*) (i) the system that was in force prior to the introduction of the licensing system for the collection of lime shells; and

(ii) the annual revenue realised under that system; and

(*d*) the prices at which the public are able to purchase lime at Kumarakam, Kottayam and Alleppey under the present system and those at which they were able to purchase it under the old system?

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## Appendix XVI.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 138.**

Statement showing the quantity of teak trees felled from private lands during 1100 to 1104, the gross income, the net income and the quantity remaining unsold at the end of 1104.

| Year. | Total quantity of teak logs felled. | Gross income. | Net income. | Quantity remaining unsold at the end of 1104. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | C. Ft. | Rs. | Rs. | C. Ft. |
| 1100 | 308,687·715 | 3,79,713 | 2,56,552 | |
| 1101 | 351,028·017 | 4,26,614 | 2,89,880 | |
| 1102 | 375,430·981 | 5,63,045 | 3,99,866 | |
| 1103 | 284,558·766 | 5,11,956 | 3,61,699 | |
| 1104 | 454,205·119 | 4,86,253 | 3,49,366 | 300,196·519 |

## Appendix XVII.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 142.**

Extract from the report of the Director of Industries, Travancore, dated 29th April 1930.

With reference to your letter R. O. C. No. 150 of 29/Development, dated 8-1-30, *re*: Interpellation No. 150 by Mr. A. S. Damodaran Asan, I have the honour to report that I do not consider that the establishment of a technical school at Mavelikara will help to solve the unemployment problem. There are Government technical schools in various towns, *viz.*, the School of Arts, Trivandrum, the Carpentry School, Quilon, the Central Technological Institute, Trivandrum and the S. M. R. V. Institute, Nagercoil, where students are admitted and paid stipends, so that pupils from all parts of Travancore may attend them. Besides, there are the S. M. T. School, Trivandrum and the Commercial School, Alleppey. There are also many weaving schools all over Travancore.

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